

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5-7, 9, 14-16 and 18 as follows:

5. (Amended) The information reproducing method as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
 monitoring whether the read request is issued; and
 restarting measurement of the average transfer rate if the read request is not issued for a predetermined time in measurement of the average transfer rate.
6. (Amended) The information reproducing method as claimed in Claim 2, further comprising the steps of:
 monitoring a read address of the read request; and